

The Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to consider whether radio stations should be required to record program material daily from 6 am till 10 pm and to retain such recorded material for a unspecified amount of time.

Bick Broadcasting, licensee of seven small market Missouri radio stations, opposes such a requirement.

The national mood against off color or down right ugly broadcasting is understandable. The Super Bowl this past season acted as a action point. I personally understand the concern of parents wanting to protect children from such broadcasts.

However, punishing all radio stations with such a requirment just is not the American way. I beleve there are around 13000 radio stations in this country. The vast majority do a very good job of programming material suitable for all audiences.

This proposed requirement is a financial burden to all broadcasters, but in paticular the small market broadcaster. The upfront costs and more important, the on-going costs to ensure the needed equipment continues to operate correctly is a heavy burden.

This proposal would also create a further "chill" on free speech that is totally not needed.

Respectfully submitted.

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